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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

Welcome to our February edition. It's Valentine's Day this month so I hope you love this month's magazine. Prunella gives us advice on what she does best - pruning. So make sure you know what can be pruned in preparation for spring. Our friends at Beacon Wealth Management are on hand to suggest options for planning for retirement- or semi- retirement which is something that is becoming more popular as the number of years in retirement that people enjoy increase. Marlene at Beacon Wealth Legal offers some thoughts about legal help in times of bereavement. Lots of other items of interest are inside plus our usual favourites. Look out for our March edition - our restaurant review is back!

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 220ml Milk  
 300ml Double Cream  
 250g Sweet Pastry  
 15 Clementine Oranges, squeezed for their juice  
 50g Sugar  
 400ml Whipping Cream  
 A splash of Amaretto

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Start by rolling out the pastry thin enough to line an 8-inch tart mould. Line the mould with grease proof paper and sprinkle a handful of baking beans on top. Bake the pastry until golden brown. Then pour the juice from the oranges into a saucepan, add the sugar and reduce the mix to a thick syrup. Once thickened, pour the syrup into the pastry shell and spread out evenly.

To make the tart mix, place the chocolate in a bowl set over a pan of simmering water, making sure the bowl doesn't touch the water. Pour the milk and double cream into a medium size saucepan and bring to the boil. Add the eggs and whisk quickly until incorporated into the cream, then pour the mixture over the melted chocolate and again whisk together thoroughly. Pour the chocolate mix over the syrup and fill to as close to the top of the pastry shell as possible. Pop it back in the oven and then turn the oven off. Leave the tart in the oven until the chocolate mix takes on a texture like custard. Remove and cool until you're ready to serve. Whisk the whipping cream until it forms soft peaks and then gradually add the Amaretto to taste. Serve a generous slice of the tart on to dessert plates. (You can glaze the tart using a blow torch if you prefer) Spoon on a dollop of Amaretto Cream and tuck in – gorgeous!



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Yellowstone features dramatic Canyons, alpine rivers, lush forests, hot springs and is the largest active Geyser field in the world, including its most famous, Old Faithful which erupts approximately every 90 minutes, together with the Lower and Upper Falls which are almost twice as high as Niagara Falls !

There are also hundreds of colourful hot springs and pools such as the Grand Prismatic Hot Spring, which is larger than a football field and the third largest spring in the world. The best time to visit the park is during the summer months but even then the weather in Yellowstone can be unpredictable, because elevations inside Yellowstone National Park range from 5,280 feet to 11,400 feet, so visitors should not be surprised if the park's weather changes without a moment's notice.

For wildlife lovers the park is a haven, home to Grizzly Bears, (Yellowstone is actually one of the few places where Black Bears can be seen co-existing with Grizzly's) you will also see Gray Wolves and the world's largest Bison herd, together with Bald and Golden Eagles, Trumpeter Swans and Moose, all living freely in their chosen habitat, why not spend a day exploring on foot or hiking with a wildlife tracking expert who are experts in their field, they will teach you about the animals and their habitat, with hopefully a sighting or two ! Yellowstone is in the middle of Cowboy country so don your boots and hat and get involved ! Watch a Rodeo attend or stay at a guest ranch, the park has superb recreational opportunities, including hiking, camping, boating, fishing, there are a dozen campgrounds in the park so bring a tent and settle in, or alternatively opt for a hotel or lodge, the choice is yours !

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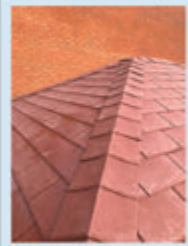
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## LOCAL MEMORIES: What's in a Name

### By Penny Young

I have been doing family tree research for around 15 years, after becoming fascinated by the television programme, 'Who do you think you Are'. Recently I have turned to Mum's side of the family, having previously concentrated solely on the Banks'. If I thought Dad's side threw up a number of characters and far fetched stories, Mum's family have taken things on to a completely new level!

I had always been interested in a story concerning an aunt of Mum's - her mother's sister. There were four children in the family, three girls and a boy. Our grandmother, Vivien, was the youngest and the middle pair were twins, a boy and a girl.

It was always felt, by the grownups, that somehow the twins genes had become mixed up, as the girl was always the more dominant and masculine of the pair.

The boy was named Nicholas, as nearly all first-born sons in this ancient Cornish family were, which does not make research easy, when you have Nicholas, born to Nicholas, born to Nicholas, going back generations. The girl was called Rosemary; however, this tomboy of a girl did not like this girlie name and insisted that everyone addressed her as Jill!

Rosemary/Jill lived a fascinating life, emigrating to Australia in 1923, but never really putting down roots, bouncing backwards and forwards for the next 18 years or so, neither settling in Australia or England. We have just one photograph of her, seated on a horse, her back ramrod straight and indeed, it was the horsey world that led to the next stage of her life. Somewhere on a hunting field in the late 1930's, she met Terrence Hone and they married, she joining him at his farm, Brook House in Catworth.

Mum told us that she remembered that sometime during the War, a telegram arrived for her grandmother, (who was living with them at the time, in Australia,) informing her of the death of her daughter, Rosemary (Jill) in a riding accident. Mum said that her grandmother went to her bedroom and did not come out for several days. The story went that Jill went out riding one morning, around the farm tracks and that sometime later the horse returned to its stable, rider less. A search party went out and Jill was found, lying mortally injured and died the next day.

I decided to try and order a copy of her death certificate, to see if this is what really what happened. I went on one of the genealogy websites and entered all the information I had, name (Rosemary), date of birth, parents etc. but nothing came up. So I tried again, this time putting her name down as Jill and again, no luck. So then, I tried to find the marriage certificate, again having to do everything twice, but still no joy. So for the third time I decided to try to find the marriage certificate, just using Terrence's name. Eureka! I had found it; but Terrence had not married Rosemary, nor had he married a Jill, he had married a Pamela and what is more, she had knocked 10 years off her life! Pamela/Jill/Rosemary was actually a few months older than Terrence, but she had knocked exactly 10 years off her life and not only that, had changed her (deceased) father's name on the marriage certificate, from Osmond Lennox Kendall, to Leonard Kendall. The newlyweds were sadly only married for 17 months before the tragic riding accident, where yes, according to the death certificate, there had been a fracture to the base of the skull and internal haemorrhage into the brain, sustained when a horse she was riding fell and she was thrown onto the ground.

My final piece of investigating was to see if all these names appeared on her birth certificate, and I decided to go one better, ordering certificates for both the twins. A few days later, two brown envelopes arrived. I held them both in my hands, hardly daring to open them and willing it to be the baby girl's certificate that I opened first. It was! First of March, 1903 born at 12.30 a.m. a girl - Rosemary (no middle names!) The second envelope a boy - Nicholas (no middle names) born at 13.55 a.m.

I have to tell you, I sat and wept; this brave little girl older than her brother by one hour and 25 minutes had taken life by the horns and lived it the only way she knew how.

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It is important to have someone to turn to and obtain support and advice, particularly as the bereavement processes are distressing and tiring, leaving many to feel unable to cope and confused after a while. Many people do not have family to help them and not everyone belongs to supportive communities or groups, so press on alone.

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are unable to fit in everything to complete probate matters. This is where solicitors can particularly help by taking up some of the strain. Handing the administration of the Estate over to professionals can give the bereaved the space and time to grieve, rather than be burdened with the requirements of the various protocols and procedures needed to comply with the expectations of the institutions involved in the affairs of the deceased.

### The complications

There can be emotional and financial stresses for the bereaved, creating complications where they were unmarried couples or couples in their second or third marriage, with children from previous relationships or may have children together. It is important to have a Will that is clear and inclusive to reflect accurately your wishes so there is less likelihood for misunderstanding or disappointment during the administration of an Estate.

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Many fear running out of money, fear the shock of not working, fear the loss of a salary, fear stock markets and therefore stay in cash.

But most will spend less as they age, most will start to finally enjoy life, some will do part time work they want to do, most will need investment growth for 20 years.

A Money Marketing report (Nov '19) stated only 45% of women and 59% of men can save enough for retirement, and that this drops by a third to 29% of women and 44% of men if they are divorcees.

### Income

Retirement income is not just about pensions, it can be made of other investments including ISA's, Unit Trusts, Bonds and Property Income. Tax reliefs and allowances exist for all and need to be used effectively and efficiently. You can be retired nearly as long as you have worked, and whilst we have big financial demands at certain times in our lives, we need to think about what kind of future we want.

Forging a career is not for everyone and neither is working long hours in a stressful environment. Working life does not have to be hard and tiring, even if it often

is, it can and should be the life you want.

Just remember though that unless you are to receive an inheritance or lottery win your future is based on your present finances.

### What do you want?

As a New Year's resolution why not commit to reviewing your life, by asking yourself whether you are doing what you want with your life.

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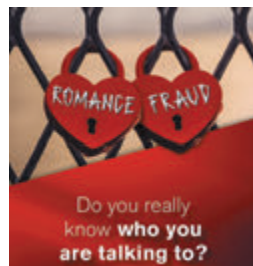
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## *Dare to Dream*

*Paul Kinally from Peter Lane & Partners in Kimbolton takes a fresh look at the property market as we enter the New Year.*

If you read or listen to the property press, or the national media commenting on the property market, you will know they are currently awash with speculation and projections on the way the market will behave in 2020. But it is only speculation. We have never been in conditions quite like this - coming off the back of a surprisingly emphatic election and three-plus years of market dormancy, brought on by political confusion and inertia.

However the national press are not necessarily the safest forecasters of the overall picture. Many seem to forget that the property market is not one homogenous whole across the country but is a series of mini-markets affected by local and regional economic micro climates.

As we enter a new decade, these micro conditions will once again enter into play. Regions about to see economic stimulus will come into a new focus. Areas benefiting from new infrastructures such as transport will become targets for renewed interest from buyers. Parts of the country that have been in decline will begin to bloom and perhaps even boom in property terms. Sellers will reap the reward.

Of course, buyers will still choose locations for schooling, work, retirement and natural beauty so these factors will continue to be strong personal influencers. But one thing most of us in the business can agree on is that the cloak of uncertainty which created the prolonged slough of activity in the property market has lifted.

It is although a curtain has been drawn back to reveal new dreams and a buying and selling public now prepared to act. The increased number of new buyers and sellers already contacting us this year emphasises this.

But the change in public perception will not come overnight. It will happen by degree. But it will occur as new opportunities arise. Hot spots will evolve. The secret for buyers is understanding and even anticipating where these hot spots might be.

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Drink water at meal times, and keep juice as occasional treats. While juice has valuable nutrients and gives a concentrated energy boost for active, growing bodies, children should go for water first when they are thirsty. It's tempting to eat dinner in front of the television, but this discourages social and communication skills. If you encourage your children to sit with the family, even if they aren't ready for solids or are refusing to eat, they'll start to learn the rules of healthy eating and table manners.

Remember, portion sizes should be in proportion to your children's age and body size. There is no magical quantity for how much they need to eat to earn dessert, but they should have made a reasonable attempt to try the meal. Teaching children to listen to their tummies and to ask themselves questions, such as "Is my tummy full?" will help to develop their ability to sense fullness. Try taking a balanced approach by encouraging healthier treats e.g. fruit and vegetable sticks, and smaller portions of those treats. So start off 2020 with a healthy family in mind. Good luck!





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## ***OPINION: The Mysterious Case of the Missing Furniture***

I know it's currently in vogue to characterise Amazon as a US tech giant (and therefore one of Satan's Disciples) but you have to admire its achievements. The other day I ordered something off Amazon at 7pm and it was delivered before nine the next morning. That is remarkable. Of course, Amazon is not really a tech company at all, it is an online retailer with a sideline as a TV broadcaster, and the secret of its success is excellence in logistics. Logistics is the science of getting things to where they're needed when they're needed, whether you're talking about a widget for a washing machine, some veg on a supermarket shelf or a new bed for your spare bedroom. Good logistics is what makes retail, manufacturing and much else besides work.

Most of us order tons of stuff online, anything from clothes to ink cartridges to light bulbs to makeup, and almost invariably everything is easy to buy, represents good value for money and is delivered very promptly. However, a couple of weeks ago, I decided to buy a new bed for our spare bedroom. I bought it from a prominent online furniture retailer that uses a well-known TV persona to front its advertising. The website was easy to use, the bed appeared to be good value and delivery was promised for the next day. But the next day came and no bed arrived, nor did it the day after. The following day half of it was delivered by a rather flustered courier who claimed he'd found the box kicking around in the warehouse. There followed an intensely frustrating round of phone calls, emails and broken promises before the other half of my bed was eventually delivered eleven days late.

I assumed that this was an isolated incident, but then I heard a similar tale of woe from a friend who had bought a table and chairs from another online retailer. In his case, the chairs got lost in transit and a replacement set had to be despatched, causing lots of delay and inconvenience. A quick check on Google revealed thousands of angry rants from disappointed customers of both retailers. In both cases, less than 20% of customers said they would use that company again and my retailer had an on-time delivery record of 29% - that is beyond abysmal! My top tip for 2020 is don't buy shares in an online furniture retailer. How can they get it so wrong when the likes of Amazon get it so right?

Having spent 12 years of my working life as a logistics manager, I think I may have the answer. Everything in modern logistics is automated. The people in the warehouse have a handheld computer that tells them what to pick and pack. Then the system prints a despatch label with a QR code that tells the courier's computer system everything it needs to know to get that consignment to its destination. In the courier's central hub, the box gets scanned and sent down a network of conveyor belts that make sure that it gets on the correct lorry to go to the local distribution depot, where the whole process is repeated. There's no need for human initiative and little scope for human error and that is why the system works so well.

The problem with furniture being despatched via a standard courier is, quite simply, that the boxes are too big to fit on the conveyor belts. This means that some initiative is required and suddenly there is a quantum increase in the scope for human error. What's the solution? Well, maybe the online retailers could use delivery companies that are set up to deliver large packages. But my advice is, if you want to buy some furniture, go to a shop. That way, you can see what you're buying and, with a bit of luck, you can stick it in the back of the car and take it home with you.

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## Reach for the (Green) Stars!

Why not have a smart new resolution resolution this year... or revolution, depending on how you look at it? If you're living in something other than a bungalow, take a look out of your bedroom window and take in all the roof spaces you can see – and now imagine them covered in a stunning little landscape of flowers and plants. These "green roofs" could be magnets for wildlife, with birds feeding on all the insects and seedheads, as well as soaking up all the excess rainfall and airborne pollutants. So, as well as maximising all your garden spaces, a new aerial layer would also tick all the right boxes for saving the planet, at the same time as transforming spectacularly dull structures into really special garden features.

The original concept of adding a layer of vegetation to a roof can still be seen in many Scandinavian and Hebridean communities. Even pitched roofs are often completely covered in the sods of grass and other vegetation that were dug out of the ground when the buildings were first built. This is obviously a very sustainable and cost-effective idea, but it is not done for decorative or wildlife benefits; it's purely for keeping out the worst of the weather and creating a cosy home.

Modern green roofs are more likely to be seen on large commercial buildings and they are now highly complex systems. They incorporate the latest waterproofing and protection methods for the roof itself, combined with lightweight substrates and effective water removal and irrigation processes. The planted surface is invariably a mixture of sedum succulent species as they are relatively cheap to produce, but they aren't particularly exciting. This refined technology and the requirement for all new developments to meet biodiversity targets means that green roofs are now an essential element in the construction process. It also means that for us gardeners the same principles can be applied to create simpler solutions on a much smaller scale, which can elevate a garden from a one-dimensional plot to a multi-layered landscape.

So, how do you start and how difficult is it? We've all got sheds, garages or porches and virtually any of these can be fitted with a green roof, provided you follow some very simple common-sense considerations regarding their load bearing capacity. Any wooden framed building would need the addition of bracing bars and strengthened uprights – but don't let that put you off as it's a relatively simple job for anyone with some basic joinery skills. Next you need to ensure that the roof itself is waterproof and has a seamless covering; again, not impossible for the likes of you and me. There is no definitive right way to build a small green roof and most successful ones have come about through experimentation and creativity. Rest assured that with a little research and some sage advice you can easily convert an existing building into one suitable for a green roof.

Once you've got your waterproof and stable building, you can then get on with the interesting bit – the planting! This is where you can really let your imagination run wild, as long as you remember that for most plants it represents a pretty hostile environment, fully exposed to sun, wind, rain and whatever else the weather has to throw at it, plus there is only a shallow depth of substrate to root into. However, despite these spartan conditions, there is a vast palette of plants to choose from, in particular Mediterranean herbs such as Rosemary and Origanum together with small bulbs such as crocus and dwarf tulips. The image shows a shed with a green roof which we sowed with a mix of herbs, sedums and other dwarf plants over seven years ago. It doesn't have any form of irrigation and, with a bit of judicial weeding, keeps looking great. Why not give it a go – trust me green roofs can be additive!

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Most jobs this month will be maintenance, such as repairing fences, supports, gates etc. Garden tools will benefit from some care, sharpening and oiling mainly. Tidying up sheds and greenhouses are a great job for a sunny but cold day, if you have stored tender plants check them over regularly for any signs of mould or pests. Normal gardening is of course still possible if the weather is fine, weeding and pruning. Try not to be too tidy though, leave areas for insects to shelter in.

Vegetable beds can be dug, and planned for the new season, there might still be some vegetables like carrots and parsnips which will happily stay in the ground ready for digging up. Broad bean seeds can be sown now. Winter is the best time for pruning fruit trees, so keep standard and espaliered apples and pears in good shape.

Plants for colour and scent at this time of the year include Mahonia, Viburnum, witch hazel. Other flowers are the hellebores, which will be looking great (cut off the leaves to show off the flowers, new ones will then have space to grow) and cyclamen. Snowdrops should be on their way up, and there are even some varieties that will be out now.



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3				2				6
				3	9			7
8		3			2	5		1
		2				7		
7		9	6			8		2
4			2	6				
1				4				9
			5		7	4		

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### How to play

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through to 9, with no repetition!

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On-call firefighters can be men and women that come from every walk of life. They may be at home, working for themselves or a nearby company, or even out in their local community. They must maintain their availability to respond to emergencies by staying within five minutes travel time of the fire station. They receive an annual wage plus additional payments for attending incidents and drill nights.

Those interested in finding out more can visit [www.cambsfire.gov.uk/on-call](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/on-call) or contact [recruitment@cambsfire.gov.uk](mailto:recruitment@cambsfire.gov.uk)

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For more details, contact Jean Clark 01480 890033 [robnjeanclark@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:robnjeanclark@tiscali.co.uk)

**Riseley Babes & Tots**, Term time Tuesdays 9:30-11:30, Riseley Village Hall (please ring bell), first time free, Olivia Dawson, 07554 662991, [Oliviazi@hotmail.com](mailto:Oliviazi@hotmail.com)

**Jo Jingles Music & Movement Classes**, 6mths-5yrs, Thursday mornings, St Mark's Church, Brickhill, Thursday

afternoons, Olney Centre. Call to book: 01582 432258

St Neots Toy Library's - Mon to Thurs 8.45am - 4.30pm, Fridays 8.45am-1.00pm. At The Butterfly Children's Centre, next to Winhills School and The Eatons Children's Centre next to Bushmead School. Telephone Lyanne 01480 358350/Jaci 01480 358340.

**Rhyme time** - rhymes and stories for babies and toddlers aged 0 - 2 years. St Neots library. 2 sessions 10am & 11.15am

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**Keysoe Playgroup** – Keysoe Village hall , Thursdays 9-11.15 , £2.00 per family, healthy snacks, hot drinks included plus beauty treatments for mums, cake sales and lots of entertainment for your little darlings! Call Anna on 07789 510864 or just come and join in. Holiday sessions also.

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### Young People's and Children's Organisations

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St Neots and District U3A

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Tilbrook Village Link

Churchwarden, All Saints' Church

Tilbrook Amenites Committee

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Ellington WI

Gt Staughton WI

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Molesworth - Village notice board	11.15am - 11.40am
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